

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE
ANSWER IN RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR CHILD CUSTODY**

DIRECTIONS: When completing the form for an Answer in Response to Petition for a Child Custody, be sure to fill in the blanks, and sign and date the form. The following will help you fill in the blanks that are preceded with */#*'s.

/# 1/ Fill in the case number that is on the Summons. It begins with the letter "J".

/# 2/ Fill in the names of the child or children and next to each name fill in the child's date of birth.

/# 3 / Fill in the name(s) of the Petitioner as it appears on the Summons

/# 4 / Fill in the your name and the name of the other parent.

/# 5 / Fill your name(s).

/# 6/ Explain your relationship to the child – (for example: father, mother, step-father, maternal uncle, paternal aunt, cousin, brother, etc.)

/# 7 / Sign your initials in the blank in front of each true statement. Leave the others blank.

/# 8 / Fill in the your mailing address and your telephone number. .

/# 9 /-# 16 / Read what the Petitioner claims and respond by selecting one of the following and write it in the blank.

- Admit
- Deny
- Have no knowledge regarding

In the "*Comments*" section, write in any factual information you believe is important.

/# 17 / Write in the factual information regarding your reasons for opposing the Petition and any defenses you want the court to consider. If you do not oppose the petition, cross-out the word "deny" and write in "grant".

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DIRECTIONS continued. . . **When you have completed the form**, make a photocopy for yourself, and a photocopy for the other Respondent and each of the Petitioners and mail it to them. You must complete a "Proof Of Service by Mail" form. A copy of the form is attached. Then, bring the original and the Proof of Service by Mail forms to the Tribal Court Clerk for filing. There is no fee for filing this document. Thereafter, the court will set a date for a hearing and you will receive a notice in the mail.

**HOOPA VALLEY TRIBAL COURT
HOOPA, CALIFORNIA**

In re the matter of:

/# 2/

_____)

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_____)

minor child(ren).

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/# 3/

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Petitioner(s);

_____)

vs.

_____)

_____)

/# 4/

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_____)

Respondent(s)

_____)

_____)

/# 1/ CASE NO. _____

ANSWER IN RESPONSE TO
PETITION FOR CHILD CUSTODY

COMES NOW, */# 5/* _____ and hereby responds to
the Petition for Child Custody.

A. My relationship to the child(ren) is */# 6/* _____.

B. */# 7/* (Write your initials in the blank in front of each true statement)

- ____ I reside within the exterior boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.
____ I am employed within the exterior boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation.
____ I currently reside outside the exterior boundaries of the Hoopa Valley Indian Reservation but intend to return in the future because Hoopa is my permanent home base.
____ I am a member of the Hoopa Valley Indian Tribe
____ I am a member or eligible for membership in the */fill in/* _____ Tribe.
____ I am a non-Indian.

C. My mailing address and telephone number is */# 8/* _____
_____.

D. I */# 9/* _____ the allegation set for in ¶ 1 of the Petition.

E. I */# 10/* _____ the allegation set for in ¶ 2 of the Petition.

F. I */# 11/* _____ the allegations set for in ¶ 3 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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G I */# 12/* _____ the allegations set for in ¶ 4 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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H. I */# 13/* _____ the allegation set for in ¶ 5 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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I. I /# 14/ the allegation set for in ¶ 6 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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J. I /# 15/ the allegation set for in ¶ 7 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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K. I /# 16/ the allegation set for in ¶ 8 of the Petition.

Comments: _____

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L. I request that the court deny the Petitioner's request for a child custody order for the following reasons:

/# 17/ _____

_____.

Date: /# 18/ _____

/# 19/ _____
[signature]